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TITLE THE ADDRESS OF THE MAGISTRATES AND TOWN COUNCIL

ABERDEEN . . . WITH REMARKS.

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The Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of Aberdeen, to the Pretender.

With Remarks upon the said address,

VOUR ever Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Magistrates, and Town Council, and other Loyal Subjects Citizens of Aberdeen, do heartily Congratulate Your Arrival to this your Native and Heral'day Kingdom. Heaven very often Enhances our Blessings by Dragg misfortunes; And Your Majestys late Arrival after such a Train of Difficulties and so many Attempts, makes us not doubt but that GOD is propitious to Your just Cause.

As Your Majestys Arrival was Seasonable, so it was Surprising. We were happy and we knew it not. We had the blessing we wished for, yet intencable till now, that your Majesty has been pleased to let us know that we are the happy, and as so, we shall always endeavour to be the most Loyal of,

May it please your Majesty, &c.

The Preenders Answer.

I AM very Sensible of the Duty and Zal ye express for Me in this Address; And ye may assure your selves of my Protection.

R E M A R K S.

THIS will easily be granted by all Men of Sense, that this Address from the Episcopal Laity of Aberdeen is as foolish as that from the Episcopal Clergy or their Bishops; was knavish; and it is not doubted but the Addicessors of both sorts are by this time sensible, that their Pretender was a broken Reed, which instead of supporting and protecting has utterly ruined them.

To shew the Ingratitude of the Scots Episcopal Party, and that no favour or Lenity is capable of gaining them, 'tis fit to be observed, that many of the Episcopal Clergy of the Province of Aberdeen, and else where, were conuain'd in their Churches and Banches notwithstanding the Revolution, and that Presbyterian Government was made the National Establishment, and they were exempted by Law from any Conformity to the Established Church. A great many of them do still enjoy that Favour, and some of them without so much as swearing Allegiance to the Civil Government: Yet this Lenity was so far from having a good Effect upon them that in Defiance of Law, when the old Episcopal Incumbents died, others ordained by the Bishops that were excommunicated by ACT of Parliament, did frequently intrude into their Churches, and were confirmed there by the Influence and Power of their Jacobite Friends. Others set up Meeting-Houses, and in the last Reign, ACTS of Parliament were this & modis procured to give them a Toleration, and restore Lay-Patronages, by which they were enabled to set up Nutshires for the Pretender, and now they have openly taken off the Mask.

The Earl of Panmure who joined the Rebels, and was wounded at the Battle of Drumblane, is Patron of about 52 Churches, the Jacobite Masters of the College of Aberdeen are Patrons of a considerable Number, and the Earl of Mar a Sheriff principal of the Shire of Aberdeen, is Patron of several more, by this the World may judge what was the Real design of the ACT for Tollerating the Episcopal Clergy and Restoring Lay-patronages in Scotland. We have now seen the dismal Fruits of it, for the Episcopal Clergy in the North side of Forth have withdrawn ex-episcopon (as far as I can learn) except the Pretenders interest, and Prayed for him as King; And this week, the Rebels have made a diligent Search for the Presbyterian Ministers w^t hin the Bounds under their Command, in order to have carried them Prisoners to Perth, because they would not Read a Proclamation which the Pretender issued, to observe a Thanksgiving for his late arrival, which was punctually kept on the 26. h past, by the Episcopal Party in those parts.

